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1. THE EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AGREED ON JAN 8 THAT THE
FUNCTION OF CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CIEC COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE
SEPARATE FROM THAT OF HEAD OF NATIONAL (OR COMMUNITY)
DELEGATIONS AND THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD BE AT A RATHER HIGH
LEVEL. IN THIS CONNECTION COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
EXTERNAL RELATIONS CASPARI TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD THAT HE
UNDERSTOOD THAT THE IRANIAN CO-CHAIRMAN ON THE FINANCE COMMISSION
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WOULD BE AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

2. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ON THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL THAT THE TWO COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRMANSHIPS BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE PRESIDENCY (REFTEL). THE ITALIANS AND THE UK ARE BOTH RATHER NEGATIVE TO THE IDEA BUT A BRITISH PERMDEL SOURCE HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT ALTHOUGH HIS GOVERNMENT IS OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL MAKE AN ISSUE OF IT IF THE OTHERS AGREE.

3. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL THAT THE MEETING OF THE TEN CO-CHAIRMEN ON JAN 26 LAST FOR THREE DAYS. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT THIS WAS TOO LONG. THE BRITISH PLAN TO INFORM THE CANADIANS IN PARIS THAT THEY BELIEVE THE MEETING SHOULD BE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, PERHAPS 1 1/2 DAYS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MORE THAN TWO DAYS.

4. THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL DISCUSS THESE MATTERS AGAIN ON JAN 15, INCLUDING WHO WILL HEAD THE COMMUNITY'S DELEGATIONS. GREENWALD

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